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On the night of September 4, 1964, in Cisco Grove, an isolated area of Placer County, CA, a Donald Shrum with two other men, Vinie Alvare, and Tim Trueblood, were on a bow hunting trip.

The men became separated during the day. As night approached, they were all to meet back at the camp site.

As Shrum was heading back to camp, he heard a sound in the brush that he thought was a bear. He climbed up a tree, to let the bear pass. After a while he didn't hear the sound anymore, so he came back down from the tree. At this point he noticed an odd light hovering motionless in the night sky, and saw two other lights keeping a distance from the main one. In fright he climbed back up the tree. The main light circled the tree, when a dark object seemed to fall from the light onto the ground. The object that seemed to fall from the light was about 300 feet away. It was dome-shaped and saucer-like. Two alien figures approached and stood under the tree. The two aliens, dressed in silver clad clothing just stood there, when a third figure came up to the other two. Shrum said "The third figure or humanoid looked like a robot."

Shrum described the alien figures as about five and one half feet tall, wearing silver clothing that looked to be uniforms. They had a sort of helmet over their heads.

According to Shrum he saved himself from being captured by using his belt to fasten himself to the tree. All through the night, the robot creature would expel a white vapor from time to time, from his mouth that was directed at him.

Shrum said he would throw pieces of his clothing that he had set on fire towards the creatures. The vapor or smoke that came from the robot's mouth would drift upwards towards him and he would become light-headed and then pass out. He would repeatedly awaken only to pass out again.

At one point, Shrum said "I shot three arrows at the robot creature, when it hit him it was just like a big arc flash; it just flashed up real bright. Every time I shot him it pushed him back a little bit, with just a big, bright flash."

When Shrum awoke after passing out numerous times, it was morning, and the aliens were gone.

He managed to get back to camp and found that the two other men only saw a strange light the previous night when Shrum was having his ordeal.

UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

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33rd NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE will be held on the weekend of October 4-6 1996, at the Sheraton Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota, and is being sponsored by noted ufological author and lecturer Cope Schellhorn. More about the 33rd National UFO Conference in future issues.

NEW COMET: Two amateur astronomers, working independently of each other, have found what could be the brightest comet in 20 years. Its brilliance means that when Comet Hale-Bopp passes Earth in winter 1996-97, millions may have their first chance to see a comet with the naked eye.

"This is the most distant comet ever discovered by amateurs. That means that it is big and intrinsically bright," said Geoff Chester, an astronomer with the National Air and Space Museum's Einstein Planetarium. Source: St. Louis Post Dispatch, August 7, 1995.

MILKY WAY FEEDING FRENZY: To a nearby dwarf galaxy in Sagittarius, the Milky Way is the proverbial neighbor from hell. Our home galaxy has ripped the dwarf to shreds and is feasting on its remains. Astronomers think the Milky Way has fattened-up by devouring other dwarfs in the past.

The galaxy, called the Sagittarius Dwarf, was discovered in 1994 by a team of Cambridge University astronomers led by Rodrigo Ibata. It is only 50,000 light-years from the galactic center, making it the closet galaxy to the Milky Way. It was not discovered earlier because it lies on the opposite side of the Galaxy from the Sun, so its stars appear jumbled together with foreground Milky Way stars.

When Ibatas team discovered the galaxy they immediately noticed an elongated shape, suggesting that it was being tidally disrupted by the Milky Way's immense gravity. New computer simulations by Héctor Velazquez and Simon White of Cambridge show that the Milky Way has already shredded the dwarf. "We found that this dwarf galaxy was actually torn apart at its previous closest approach to the galactic center, about 50 million years ago," says White. "Most of the dwarf's stars are pursuing independent

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orbits around the Milky Way and are gradually drifting farther and farther apart." Source: Astronomy Magazine, December 1995.

A RETRO LOOK AT "FLYING DISCS" SEEN OVER KOREA IN 1952: The Air Force disclosed Tuesday that objects resembling "flying discs" have been sighted over Korea by crew members of two U.S. bombers.

Top officials have ordered a full investigation of the reports, which came through regular military intelligence channels.

A spokesman said the objects were described by four eyewitnesses as globe-shaped, bright orange in color, and emitting an occasional flash of bluish light.

He indicated that several were sighted, but did not give the number.

The Air Force, which has thrown cold water on hundreds of previous "flying saucer" stories, apparently was impressed by the circumstances under which the new sightings were reported by its own personnel.

The first report reached Air Force intelligence officers from two crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who said they saw the objects flying parallel to their plane at about midnight on the night of January 29. The plane was over Wonsan, Korea, at the time.

This report might have been discounted as over-imaginative. But on the same night, a B-29 from a different squadron returned to its base after a flight over Suncheon, Korea, a considerable distance from Wonsan. Two crew members told intelligence officers that they had seen "flying discs" moving parallel to their plane at a high altitude. They fixed the time at about midnight.

"The objects remained with the B-29 over Wonsan for five minutes and with the B-29 over Suncheon for one minute," the Air Force said.

While officials declined to elaborate in the bare announcement that a full investigation is under way, the open-minded Air Force attitude toward the new reports contrasted sharply with the blunt skepticism it has voiced about previous sightings of mysterious objects in the skies. Source: Medford, Oregon Tribune, February 19, 1952.

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AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD
by Rick R. Hilberg



Your obedient columnist at the
Atlanta convention

NUFOC chairman Jim Moseley
welcomes the delegates

WE GO TO THE 32nd NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

It was cold and very rainy as we pulled into Atlanta - and to make matters worse, it was Friday the 13th this past October. But never mind, as our spirits were high in the anticipation of seeing old friends again, and hearing hopefully fascinating lectures by "UFO people" we had never met.

After unpacking, we called up convention chairman Jim Moseley to let him know that our dinner plans with him were still on for seven. Over cocktails and a fine dinner at our hotel, Jim filled us in on the final lineup of speakers for the official start of the con the next day. From what he told us, Carol and I knew that it was to be a fun ufological weekend.

The next morning Carol dropped me off at the Castlegate across the street from our Holiday Inn, as it was still raining buckets outside.

Once we got to the ballroom site of the convention we were happy to see Jim, as he had to convince the people at the ticket table that I was a real person and founding member of the NUFOC, as they seemed to have lost track of my convention pass. Once successful, Carol left me to my ufological paradise and went onto find activities to amuse our grandson who could not spend the day swimming on account of the downpour.

I was not disappointed in the lineup of speakers, which was diverse by ufological standards.

The keynote speaker was one Leah Haley, an author and claimed abductee. Ms. Haley's claims range from repeated abductions by the nasty grey aliens to kidnapping and drugging by government agents, and a claim that she was on board a UFO that was either shot down or crashed near Gulf Breeze, plus all kinds of other exciting stuff. My first thought was that as a young woman she's sure had a lifetime of mysterious experiences. However, she is a very good speaker and seemed very sincere.

Right after Ms. Haley was George Fawcett, a UFO investigator I've known for more than 30 years and had never met, even though we had both participated in many radio talk programs by phone lines during the years. George is a very hard working UFO investigator, and his narrated slide presentation on his 50 years in UFO research was worth the price of admission alone.

As I said, the convention had a diverse line-up of speakers on a variety of topics which included: crop circles, the psychology of UFO experiences, alien engineering of human society and well, so much more. We particularly enjoyed Cope Schellhorn's new and revised presentation on UFOs and earth changes, as it was one of our favorites from UAPA's 1994 convention here in Cleveland. I also have to give credit to Dr. Frank Stranges, who so ably handled the difficult job as master of ceremonies.

One of the highlights of the whole weekend was to once again meet and spend Saturday afternoon at the con with Don Cook, an early supporter of the NUFOC and someone we hadn't seen in almost 25 years. Don brought a whole briefcase full of old photographs and publications from those days so long past.

Even though the nasty weather may have kept the crowd down from expected levels, those who attended certainly had a very interesting weekend of saucery.

DOCTOR PROBES ALLEGED ALIEN "IMPLANTS"

He didn't want his name used. He's a California surgeon and he's scared of repercussions.

"I'd probably be ostracized, I'd be criticized, maybe I'd even lose my license," he said. "People with credibility who put themselves forward in this field could wind up dead, in jail or out of business."

He performed the operations anyway, before witnesses and a video camera. He cut into the big toe of a woman and into the back of a man's hand. Both believed they'd been abducted by aliens. From both, he extracted small foreign objects with some unusual properties.

"No one has the answers," he said. "But we all know something's going on."

The doctor has been active in UFO groups for five years. Through them, he met a Houston UFO researcher who sent the purported abductees here for surgery last August.

The patients didn't know each other. Neither had been aware of the objects he or she carried. Neither bore any nearby scars or punctures. In both cases, the objects came to light in X-rays for minor unrelated injuries.

In decades of practice, the doctor said he'd never seen anything quite like what he fished out.

The objects were encased in a thick, dark membrane. These weren't cysts, he said. They were so tough, his scalpel couldn't cut them.

The object in the man was the size of a cantaloupe seed; one of the woman's two was T-shaped. Both patients jerked back when the doctor touched the objects - an unusual reaction for people calmed by hypnosis

and placed on local anesthetics.

Back in Texas, the membranes were dried out and cut open, revealing tiny, highly magnetic pieces of a shiny black metal. Under ultraviolet light, they glowed a brilliant green - same as the "fingerprints" on the thighs and back of some who claim to have been abducted, the doctor said.

Strange items have been pulled from "abductees" before but many somehow have disappeared before independent scientists could examine them. The skeptics remain skeptical.

"We haven't heard of anything that, without the shadow of a doubt, couldn't have been made here on Earth," said Barry Karr, director of the Center for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. "Let's see the evidence."

Perhaps they will.

The objects are in Houston for electrical, chemical and microscopic analysis. The patients who unwittingly carried them say they feel liberated. The doctor figures he'll be called on to perform more operations before long. Source: The Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 8, 1995.

1917 FLAP IN COLORADO?

Arlene Shovald of the Salina, Colorado Mountain Mail filed the following on September 7, 1995:

The August 27 sighting of a UFO near Salida was not the first.

The Salida Record of Sept. 7, 1917, tells of Salida residents seeing mysterious "vehicles of the air" flying about the night sky during the previous week.

Nearly every night, some kind of light was observed in various positions in the "blue depths." The lights were in motion but described as very far away. They would disappear for an instant, only to reappear stronger than ever, and then vanish.

Among those observing the strange phenomena were some of the pillars of Salida society - Rev. and Mrs. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Woody and family, and C. F. Bode and family. The names of these folks appeared regularly in the news and society columns of The Salida Record of that time, so they were deemed to be reliable sources.

Rev. Oakley examined the object with a telescope one night and could discern what appeared to be a wheel about three feet in diameter. While the wheel seemed to revolve, vari-colored lights appeared. Without the telescope, the light appeared to be about the size of a croquet ball as compared with the stars.

The strange light appeared over Tenderfoot Mountain, above Mt. Shavano, and again in the northern sky, each time at great distances.

What the objects were remained a question. According to the article, it was surely not an "aeroplane" because an aeroplane does not have a wheel which revolves slowly. The same might be said of a dirigible balloon. And besides, there was no known aviation field in Colorado.

This occurred during World War I, but it was concluded the objects were too far from the seat of the war to be German reconnoitering parties, and besides, there was nothing for them to see up here in the mountains.

The article concluded, "is it then some genius who has discovered some new principle of flight, and is trying out his invention? It's your guess. What is it?"

It is interesting to note the dates of the sightings - August 27, 1995 and the week of Sept. 1 -7. 1917. Most UFO sightings are in spring.

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SEVERAL SEE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS IN NEW MEXICO

Two Deming men have reported seeing strange lights over last weekend, lights which both of them said could have been UFOs.

Deming resident Greg Granado called the Deming Police Department Saturday night, July 29th, with a report of seeing a light that, he said, left him feeling distinctly Alien-ated.

"It shocked me when I saw it. I didn't know what it was, and I still don't know what it was, but it was so strange that I called the police," he said.

Granado said he was on his family's front porch on East Maple St. Saturday night at about 12:30 a.m. He was talking to his girlfriend on the telephone when he observed a ball of light suddenly appear high in the sky, he said.

"It was a ball of fire, red in the middle and orange around the outside. It seemed like one second it wasn't in the sky, and the next second it was. Since I was talking to my girlfriend, I guess it could have come over the horizon, but I didn't see it," he said.

"It flew straight across the sky from east to west like a plane, only faster, a lot faster. I was just amazed by its speed. Then it disappeared. It was there, then suddenly it wasn't. It didn't make an arc like it was disappearing over the horizon. It just winked out," he said.

"I talked to a police officer and he was pretty nice. He didn't seem surprised, or act like he didn't believe me. My family has teased me a little, but my grandmother said she wishes she had seen it, too," he said.

After Granado's sighting appeared in the police reports in Tuesday's Headlight, Jerry Hernandez called the paper to say he and his brother Steve Kucera also saw strange lights Saturday night at roughly the same time.

Hernandez, who lives north of Deming near Catfish Cove Road, said he and Kucera were driving home on Highway 180 Saturday night at about 11 or 11:30 p.m. when they saw what appeared to be headlights to the northeast of them, about half a mile off the highway.

"There were two lights. They looked like truck headlights on bright. I didn't think anything of it until I realized they were too high to be a truck," Hernandez said.

"Steve said, 'Yeah, that's a truck coming off a hill' and I thought that was it, too, but then I said, 'Hey, Steve, there's no hills out that direction,'" he added.

As Hernandez and Kucera watched, the lights seemed to bank slightly, tilting off the horizontal plane the way headlights might if the truck they were attached to turned a corner. Except, Hernandez said, there is no road where he and his brother were looking.

"I just shrugged it off until I saw that report of a UFO in the paper. I want to talk to the other guy, to ask him what he saw and when he saw it. I want to ask him if he's ever seen anything like that before. This isn't the first time I've seen something north of town that I thought could be a UFO, or maybe an experimental aircraft," he said.

Kucera said the lights were still there after he and Hernandez passed them on the road.

"I thought it was a truck driving on Diaz Farms, but then I realized it was too far out. I still think it was a truck, but I'm not saying," he added.

Source: Deming, New Mexico Headlight August 3, 1995.